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Two Women Land 'Visitor' Behind Bars

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Bethel 18, was walking the stairs at 1852 Irving st. nw. early yesterday when he encountered the lady of the house. She was Ellen Von Nardroff, pretty, brunette and formidable.

As she related her experience to police later, she greeted Bethel with a double-barreled, 20-gauge shotgun, pointed right at him. He paused suddenly, statue-like on the stairs.

Behind Mrs. Von Nardroff was a guest, Inge Jacobs, of New York City, also formidable, who carried a pistol, also pointed right at Bethel.

Mrs. Von Nardroff had met Bethel before, she told police, and under somewhat similar circumstances.

On the first occasion, early on the morning of June 19, she told police, Bethel was the intruder who broke into the house, stole \$50 and tried to rape her, but fortunately fled.

It was then, she said, that she decided to exercise her right of militia. Tenth Precinct Det. Linwood E. Simmons, who has been watching the house ever since, advised her that the most effective weapon for a lady who lives alone is a shotgun. She got one, she said, a big one, and she practiced a lot.

The reason she was up and waiting for Bethel, she said, was that she heard her venetian blinds rustle down on the first floor. She had been expecting a return visit right along, and she was ready.

She got out the shotgun, handed Miss Jacobs the pistol and went to the bedroom doorway. Just as Bethel neared the top of the stairs, she stepped out. He looked very surprised, she said, and ill at ease.

Bethel, 6 feet, 175 pounds, is listed at 3142 17th st. nw. He is held under \$10,000 bond on charges in both incidents.